EIGHTH REPORT

OF

THE WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE,

45, GREAT ORMOND STREET, BLOOMSBURY, W.C.

FOR THE YEARS 1863 & 1864.

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No REPORT of the Working Men's College appeared last year. Circumstances hindered the publication of it at the usual time; and there was no great necessity for sending it forth at an irregular time. If we had a large body of subscribers we should be bound to tell them of our condition. But we have only a few kind friends without, who have generally the means of learning, by personal inspection, whether we are succeeding or failing. If we had a number of dependent institutions which looked to us for help and direction, a report might be valuable to them. But the experiment of a Magazine, undertaken chiefly for the sake of country towns which might wish to know what we were doing, and what they might do, led us to the humbling, and therefore profitable, conviction that our proceedings had awakened little interest beyond our immediate circle. Reports of Societies far more ambitious and popular than ours seldom repay the expense of printing them, and are generally consigned to the waste paper basket by those who receive them.

Still it is right now and then to announce that we are alive, and are trying to do some work that may live. So far as our own pupils are concerned we have no right to complain of any flagging interest in the College. They seem to feel increasingly that it binds them to each other, both when they are studying in it and when they are away from

it. To create a sympathy between men who are roughly described as belonging to *the* working class, but who really come from a multitude of classes,—who represent a number of different, apparently opposing, interests,—who are severed from each other, by competition and rivalry, who have been individually drawn together only by suspicion of a common foe,—is worth some effort. If the sympathy can be created without exciting their dislike of those who are outwardly more fortunate than themselves—even by kindling some affection for them—there is reason for thankfulness and hope. In a very small sphere, with no advantages of any kind, notwithstanding many mistakes on the part of the teachers, this result has been attained among us: imperfectly no doubt; but still enough to be a warrant for perseverance here, and for similar experiments by those who may conduct them better elsewhere. It is a reward for many disappointments to have the early pupils of the College declaring that their entrance to it was an epoch in their lives; to see the cordiality with which they are greeted by those who have joined it more recently as friends and fellow workers; to have their assurance that whenever they leave the country of their birth, it will be dearer to them for the sake of the fellowship which they first found among us. Such rewards this last year has brought with it, while it has severed us from one of our best and most valued fellow labourers, Mr. Roebuck—one who has been with us from the first, who has been the manager of our adult school, and a leading officer in the Volunteer Corps; the friend and helper of all who have learnt and all who have taught in the College. He has undertaken part of a business in New York, which we trust will be prosperous. The greetings of his friends in the College when they parted with him we are sure will be as valuable to him as any prosperity. Others have gone out from us to British Columbia and to Australia, who look back with great kindness to the days which they passed among us, and who say that those days have not been useless to them. Some have been taken from us by death They spoke to the last of their affection for their old friends. If their teachers had known how much their words had been prized, they might have spoken others which would not have been unheeded.

These results are perhaps of more real value than details concerning the teaching in particular classes. The effects of this teaching can be only imperfectly measured by the certificates which have been bestowed for competency in certain studies. Those who were present at a Conversazione held in the College last January, will have seen other and more satisfactory testimonials of what has been accomplished in the Drawing Class; and will have heard proof that the Music Class, which has been more recently established in connection with us, though not under our roof, and which is conducted by one of our most valued teachers, is doing its work, and contributing an element, long wanting, to our course of studies, as well as to the higher purpose of uniting the members of it to each other.

The general attendance upon the other classes is recorded in the tables appended to this Report. No statement is made respecting the Bible Class, seeing that it is open to any member of the College who likes to be present at it. Very few do attend it. Those few are remarkably regular. This class, it may be remembered by some, was established before the College commenced: the others arose out of it.

The Principal expressed his opinion respecting its relation to the other studies of the College, in some articles that appeared in the Magazine. To abandon it would in his judgment, be to change the character of the whole Institution, and to make his position in it an untrue one.

Several steps have been taken this year to fulfil the original programme of the College, by adopting the Students into the Council. Ten of the present members of the Council of Teachers were originally Students of the College. An Executive Committee has also been formed for conducting more efficiently the current business of the College.

The accounts which are sent us from the College at Wolverhampton are always satisfactory. Some of these Colleges, from which we have hoped much, both in England and Scotland, are at present in abeyance; but they may recover their strength and set us an example. At Ipswich and at Clifton Institutes have been formed which promise well, and which have shown a kindly desire to seek co-operation with us. We do not believe the movement to be less sound or secure because it is gradual, and sometimes appears to retrograde. That it should shape itself according to *our* form or notions has never been our design. We have only wished that the principle expressed in the word College should be recognised; that it should be accepted as a good principle for all classes in the community; that it should be shown to be available for those already engaged in manual toil; that regular education should not be exchanged for the attraction of casual lectures, or lost in mere amusements; that instruction in special topics should not be exalted above human fellowship; that the life of men should not be forgotten in a machinery for conducting examinations and producing tangible results. It is possible, we conceive, obstinately to maintain these maxims, and to act upon them without intruding upon the functions of any existing Societies; and while we say God speed to them all.

We may heartily wish that wish to a movement entirely distinct from our own, but originated and maintained by some of our friends and fellow labourers —that for establishing Clubs among the working men. We have signified our sympathy with these Clubs by offering admission to the College at a lower rate to the members of them.

Our finances have been carefully managed by the very diligent Committee of Students which watches over them. An accurate statement of the present condition is appended to this Report. It will be seen that our receipts more than cover our regular expenses, and that something is done every year towards diminishing the debt which was originally incurred. But we have a considerable interest to pay on the money which has been advanced to us, and we are in great want of room for our classes. Could we honestly do it, we should at once begin to build in our garden, which is quite extensive enough for the purpose, and which it will be remembered is, like the house, freehold. But for this purpose we should need the help of donations, for which we have always been very reluctant to beg. Should they be freely bestowed by those who think we have administered faithfully the sums which have been intrusted to us, and that we are doing a little to meet a great necessity of the English people, we shall receive them with much gratitude.

Signed (on behalf of the Council of Teachers),

F. D. MAURICE, *Principal.*

DONATIONS, 1862.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Brock (Student)	0	10	0
John Campbell, Esq.	1	0	0
College of Preceptors	1	1	0
Godfrey Lushington, Esq.	5	5	0
Robert Mansfield, Esq.	5	0	0
Sir T. Phillips	2	2	0
Miss Annie Smith	2	2	0
H. Vaughan, Esq.	10	10	0
	£27	10	0

TABLE *showing the Attendance on the various Classes, and the Total Number of Members entered each Term, from the Second Term of the Eighth Year to the First Term of the Ninth Year (January to Christmas,* 1862).

	Eighth Year.			Ninth Year.	
	Second Term.	Third Term.	Fourth Term.	Vacation Term.	First Term.
Drawing	41	46	24	21	49
French	90	113	79	83	150
English Grammar	17	19	15	17	26
Latin	18	16	11	11	40
German	28	21	21	18	26
Arithmetic	17	14	—	9	21
Bookkeeping	9	12	7	5	18
Algebra	16	13	14	13	10
Geometry	9	11	10	5	16
Trigonometry	8	—	—	—	7
English History	8	13	7	—	—
Botany	16	17	—	8	11
Geology	5	3	—	—	—
Microscope	4	—	—	—	2
The Constitutional History of England	3	—	—	—	—
English Composition	10	7	10	2	9
Mental Philosophy	4	3	—	—	—
English Literature	5	3	5	—	—
Modern History	—	4	—	—	—
English Language and Chaucer	—	—	—	10	—
Physical and Historical Geography	—	—	—	—	6
Legislation of Victoria's reign	—	4	—	—	—
Preparatory Classes	58	28	42	—	30
Total number of Students entered each Term*	472	464	381		522

Vocal Music Classes (in connection with the College, but paying no fees to it) open to persons of both sexes: total of two sections, Christmas, 1862, about 80.

The Principal's Class in Biblical History, etc., being free, no record is kept of its attendance.

* These numbers include the Members of the College Rifle Corps (part of the 19th Middlesex, some of whom attend no Class.

DONATIONS, 1863.	£	s.	d.
John Campbell, Esq.	1	0	0
C. B. Locock, Esq.	5	0	0
Robert Mansfield, Esq.	5	0	0
Sir T. Phillips	2	2	0
Mr. W. Tirrell (Student)	0	5	0
Surplus of a Student's Tea Meeting, per Mr. H. J. Wright	1	11	6
	£14	18	6

Since received.	£	s.	d.
The Misses Ross (by cancelling this amount of Mortgage Debt, *see* page 8)	100	0	0
John Catley, Esq.	10	0	0
A. Johnstone, Esq.	1	1	0
Robert Mansfield, Esq.	5	0	0
	£116	1	0

TABLE *showing the Attendance on the various Classes, and the Total Number of Members entered each Term, from the Second Term of the Ninth Year to the First Term of the Tenth Year (January to Christmas,* 1863).

	Ninth Year.			Tenth Year.	
	Second Term.	Third Term.	Fourth Term.	Vacation Term.	First Term.
Drawing	42	41	31	—	49
Latin	22	27	17	17	35
French	99	121	98	84	141
German	29	26	21	16	18
English Grammar	12	12	7	8	12
English Composition	7	9	9	6	10
Early English	—	—	—	3	—
Précis Writing	9	—	—	—	—
Greek	—	—	7	5	10
Book-keeping	15	4	8	—	17
Arithmetic	16	9	8	12	18
Algebra	9	9	7	10	23
Geometry	7	12	3	3	12
Trigonometry	7	—	—	—	—
Mechanics	—	—	6	—	—
Conic Sections	—	5	—	—	—
Geography	11	3	5	—	5
Botany	7	4	4	6	4
Geology	5	5	5	4	3
History of England	8	6	—	—	—
Preparatory Classes	55	27	31	—	31
Total number of Students entered each Term	506	490	414	318	548*

Vocal Music Classes (in connection with the College, but paying no fees to it) open to persons of both sexes: total of three sections at Christmas, 1863, about 140.

The Principal's Class in Biblical History, etc., being free, no record is kept of its attendance.

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Certificates of Competency have been granted in the following subjects:—

1862.

ARITHMETIC.

	EXAMINERS.
Francis P. Roberts, Goldsmith	W. A. Porter, Esq., M.A., Fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge.
Frederick James Betchley, Machinist ...	
Thomas Bradman, Clerk	
James Wood, Music Engraver...	
John Crowther, Clerk	
William H. Ginn, Painter	

ALGEBRA.

George Godfrey, Clerk	„ „ „
W. Moyer Teat, Clerk	
G. Critchley, Shoemaker	
John Redgate, Engineer	
T. M. Williams, Jeweller	

EUCLID.

G. Critchley, Shoemaker	„ „ „

TRIGONOMETRY.

John Bromley, Clerk	„ „ „

ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

Francis Lynch, Compositor	John Westlake, Esq., M.A., late Fellow of Trin. Coll., Cam.
Edward Wooltorton, Clerk	F. J. Furnivall, Esq., M.A., Trinity Hall, Cambridge.
F. B. Kitto, Bookseller	

MENTAL PHILOSOPHY.

Daniel Leggatt, Clerk	A. W. Bennett, Esq., M.A., University Coll., London.
C. W. Edwards, Clerk	

1863.

ARITHMETIC.

	EXAMINERS.
A. Hillman, Carver & Gilder	W. D. Gardiner, Esq., M.A., Fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge.
H. R. Jennings, Gilder	
W. Moyer Teat, Clerk	R. B. Litchfield, Esq., B.A., Trinity College, Cambridge.
F. Freethy, Jeweller	Prof. Maxwell, King's College
Walter Thos. Kelly, Builders' Apprentice ...	R. B. Litchfield, Esq., B.A., Trinity College, Cambridge.

ALGEBRA.

G. Archer, Ironmonger	Arthur Cohen, Esq., Magdalen College, Oxford.
	R. B. Litchfield, Esq., B.A., Trinity College, Cambridge.

EUCLID—Books I–IV, and parts of XI and XII.

Alfred A. Bonella, Clerk	W. D. Gardiner, Esq., M.A., Fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge.
James Rigby Smith, Boot Maker	
W. Moyer Teat, Clerk	R. B. Litchfield, Esq., B.A., Trinity College, Cambridge.

TRIGONOMETRY.

W. Moyer Teat, Clerk	John Westlake, Esq., M.A., late Fellow of Trin. Coll., Cam.
	John Martineau, Esq., B.A., Trinity College, Cambridge.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

W. Young, Gilder	John Westlake, Esq., M.A., late Fellow of Trin. Coll., Cam.
	F. J. Furnivall, Esq., M.A., Trinity College, Cambridge.

Passed for the Degree of B.A., at the London University:—

Daniel Leggatt, Clerk.

Abstract of Secretary's Cash Account, 1862.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Balance December, 1861	36	16	4
„ Donations	27	10	0
„ Students' Fees	332	12	0
„ Secretary, Rent	10	0	0
„ Girls' School	10	0	0
„ Interest on £350 in 3 per Cents.	8	13	2
„ Library Catalogues and Sundries	2	1	3
„ Adult School	24	4	6
„ Rent of 44, Gt. Ormond Street, to Michaelmas, less Insurance and Sundry Expenses	77	10	3
„ Sale of Government Securities	344	10	9
	£873	18	3

Cr.	£	*s.*	*d.*
By Payment in Redemption of Mortgage on 45, Great Ormond Street	400	0	0
„ Government Securities	69	0	0
„ Interest, Transfer of Mortgage, Insurance, and Taxes	99	7	10
„ Class Teachers (French and German)	44	4	0
„ Salaries	102	6	4
„ Firing and Lighting	69	8	3
„ Printing & Advertising	23	15	5
„ House Repairs, Fittings, and Furniture	9	19	10
„ Office Expenses, House Expenses, and Sundries	24	16	8
„ Adult School	27	6	3
„ Balance	3	13	8
	£873	18	3

Audited and found correct,

H. E. Rawlins,
J. R. Evans, } *Auditors.*

Abstract of Secretary's Cash Account, 1863.

Dr.	£	*s.*	*d.*	*Cr.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Balance December, 1862	3	13	8	By Interest on Mortgage, Insurance, Rates and Taxes	72	14	7
„ Donations	14	18	6	„ Class Teachers (French and German)	48	5	0
„ Students' Fees	311	4	6	„ Salaries	102	10	0
„ Secretary, Rent	10	0	0	„ House Repairs and Fittings	*102	11	2
„ Girls' School ditto	10	0	0	„ Printing & Advertising	18	5	2
„ Library Catalogues & Sundries	10	5	6	„ Firing and Lighting	73	5	3
„ Adult School	33	8	6	„ Library, office expenses, house expenses, and sundries	26	14	8
„ Rent of 44, Gt. Ormond Street, to Michaelmas, less Property Tax	96	13	4	„ Adult School	31	0	9
				„ Balance	14	17	5
	£490	4	0		£490	4	0

Examined and found correct,

Henry E. Rawlins,
J. R. Evans, } *Auditors.*

Estimated Assets and Liabilities.

	£	*s.*	*d.*		£	*s.*	*d.*
Freehold House & Ground, No. 45, Great Ormond Street, with Library, Fittings, &c	2000	0	0	Mortgages on 44 & 45, Gt. Ormond St.	†1714	12	10
Freehold House & Ground, 44, Great Ormond St.	1400	0	0	Interest on Mortgages	35	7	11
One Quarter's Rent on ditto, less Property Tax	24	5	5	Gas, Printing, Taxes, and Sundries	47	18	10
Term Fees—College Companies of Rifle Corps	18	16	0	Balance	1669	19	3
Rent—Girls' School	10	0	0				
Cash Balance	14	17	5				
	£3467	18	10		£3467	18	10

* This outlay was for a general reparation of the House, with painting, papering, &c., in September, 1863.

† The sum of £864 12s. 10d. (£900 Consols), which had been placed at the disposal of the College, provisionally, as a loan without interest (as mentioned in a former Report), and invested in the purchase of the adjoining house, became, in 1863, a charge upon the property. The lenders have, however, kindly waived their claim to £100 of this sum (*see* Donation List). The present debt upon the two houses is therefore the amount here given, being that stated in the last Report, £1350, *minus* the £400 since redeemed, *plus* £764 12s. 10d.